

326 BC

DURANT

Lex POETELIA alleviates law
of debt

326 BC

PRO CONSULATE introduced.

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Invasion of the Punjab and
defeat of Porus. (PORUS)

326 B.C.

the decisive struggle between Rome
and the warlike Samnite tribes began in 326.
and lasted with brief truces to 290 B.C.

321 B.C. the Samnites won an overwhelming
victory. The whole Roman army was entrapped
at the CAUDINE FORKS, in a narrow pass
between two precipices. The Samnite leader,
PONTIUS, made a treaty with the consuls by
which the Romans were to withdraw all

their posts from Samnium and to stop the war. He then let the captives go, after sending them "under the yoke." The fruits of the victory, however, were lost, because the Romans refused to abide by the treaty.

Our story: The Senate declared that only the Roman Assembly, not the consuls alone, had power to make such a treaty. In place of their rescued army, they delivered to the Samnites the two consuls, naked and in chains, with a herald. One consul pushed against the herald & said that since he, then a Samnite striking a herald, has given Rome right to make war on the Samnites!